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## **JASPER COUNTY CONSTABLE INDICTED ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced that former Jasper County Constable **FREDDY EARL PETERS** has been indicted for federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. A federal grand jury returned the indictment today charging 59-year-old Peters, of Evadale, with intentionally possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

U.S. Attorney Orwig has remained vigilant in the aggressive prosecution of drug offenses in Southeast Texas, "This case is particularly disturbing in that Peace Officers are sworn to uphold the law, not contribute to the demise of our communities."

According to the indictment, Peters, an elected constable for Precinct 6 covering the Evadale area, was arrested on July 5, 2006 for buying methamphetamines. Peters was initially named in a complaint filed on July 6, 2006, charging him with the same offense.

If convicted, Peters faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. It is important to note that an indictment should not be considered as evidence of guilt and that all persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Silsbee Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert L. Rawls.

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